



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Danville, VA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Danville was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Historically, Danville (population 48,411) relied on textile manufacturing and the tobacco industry for employment. The Tobacco Warehouse District, location of the Klaff Redevelopment site, was once the backbone of the city's economy. Over the past 20 years, revenues generated from tobacco processing have sharply declined. A large section of the district is underutilized. The city has lost more than 4,200 jobs, which has led to an unemployment rate of nearly 12 percent and a 20 percent poverty rate. More than 100 acres of potential brownfields have been identified in Danville, including the Klaff Redevelopment site. Portions of the site were used for scrap metal and battery recycling. Cleanup of the junkyard site will

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\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Danville for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the Klaff Redevelopment site, a former scrap yard at 501 Bridge Street. The site is contaminated with metals and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons. Funds will be used to prepare a cleanup plan, remove and dispose of approximately 150 cubic yards of soil, and prepare the site for the construction of an asphalt cap.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

reduce contamination threats to the groundwater and the Dan River. Redevelopment of the Klaff site is key to the city's Crossing at the Dan revitalization project. This mixed-use redevelopment project will attract new businesses, extend the Dan River Trail system, and create greenspace for Danville residents.